

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/540,963

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 12/10/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,5,7,12-14,18-20,28,30,36,37,48,51 and 52.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 31 March 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S COMMENTS

Applicant's amendment received on 12/10/04 added new claims 51-52. Following entry of the amendment, claims 2-4, 6, 8-11, 15-17, 21-27, 29, 31-35, 38-47, and 49-50 are canceled and claims 1, 5, 7, 12-14, 18-20, 28, 30, 36-37, 48, and 51-52 are pending.

Those sections of Title 35, US code, not included in this action can be found in a previous office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The rejection of claims 14, 18-21, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendments to claims 14 and 18 to include the limitation that the isolated dendritic cells are treated in vitro or ex vivo, and the cancellation of claims 21 and 25.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The rejection of claim 36 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Bondanza et al. (1998) J. Leuk. Biol., Suppl. 2, page70, abstract F17, is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment of the claim to include the limitation that the dendritic cells in the composition are loaded with or transfected to express an antigen.

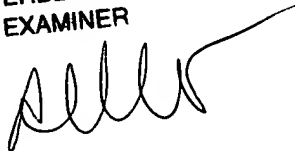
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Claims 1, 5, 7, 12-14, 18-20, 28, 30, 36-37, 48, and 51-52 are therefore allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Anne Marie S. Wehbé, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0737. The examiner can be reached Monday- Friday from 9:30-6:00 EST. If the examiner is not available, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla, can be reached at (571) 272-0735. For all official communications, **the new technology center fax number is (571) 273-8300**. For informal, non-official communications only, the examiner's direct fax number is (571) 273-0737.

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